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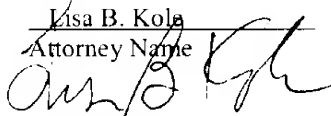
Applicant : Fisher *et al.*
Serial No. : 09/515,363 Examiner : Qian, C.
Filed : February 29, 2000 Group Art Unit: 1636
For : MELANOMA DIFFERENTIATION ASSOCIATED GENE-5 AND
VECTORS AND CELLS CONTAINING SAME

PETITION TO EXTEND TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time, through Monday, September 22, 2003 to respond to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2003 in the above-captioned application. In response to this Office Action, Applicants herewith concurrently submit 1) a Response to the Office Action, 2) an Information Disclosure Statement; and 3) a check for \$235.00 representing the \$55.00 fee for a one-month extension of time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §

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1.17(a)(1) for a small entity in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a) and the \$180.00 fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17(p) and 1.97(c)(2) for the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement after receipt of the first Office Action. Small entity status has been previously established in this case under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, and is still proper and desired.

Should any additional fees associated with this communication be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of these fees or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. Two copies of this communication are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa B. Kole', is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa B. Kole

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Enclosures